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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Original): A hollow body comprising, as sole layer(s),

(1) at least one layer L1 comprising an aromatic polyamide and an impact modifier,

and, optionally,

(2) at least one layer L2 comprising an aliphatic polyamide.

Claim 2 (Original): The hollow body according to claim 1, wherein said aromatic

polyamide is a polyphthalamide.

Claim 3 (Original): The hollow body according to claim 2, wherein said hollow body

comprises at least one layer L2.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The hollow body according to claim 1, wherein the

impact modifier is selected from the group consisting of EPDM, SEBS, and mixtures thereof

at least one layer L1 comprises an aromatic polyamide obtained by the polycondensation

reaction between hexamethylenediamine and a terephthalic/isophthalic/adipic acid

composition wherein the mole ratio of terephthalic/isophthalic/adipic acids in the acid

composition is 50 to 80/ from 10 to 10/ not more than 25.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The hollow body according to claim 2 elaim 1,

wherein at least one layer L1 comprises an aromatic polyamide obtained by the

polycondensation reaction between hexamethylenediamine and a

terephthalic/isophthalic/adipic acid composition where the mole ratio of

terephthalic/isophthalic/adipic acids in said acid composition is 50 to 80/ from 10 to 40/ not

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more than 25 wherein the polyphthalamide comprises from about 50 mole % to about 95 mole % hexamethylene terephthalamide units, from about 25 mole % to about 0 mole % hexamethylene isophthalamide units, and from about 50 mole % to about 5 mole % hexamethylene adipamide units.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The hollow body according to claim 1 claim 2, wherein the impact modifier is a rubber the polyphthalamide comprises from about 50 mole % to about 95 mole % hexamethylene terephthalamide units, from about 25 mole % to about 0 mole % hexamethylene isophthalamide units, and from about 50 mole % to about 5 mole % hexamethylene adipamide units.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The hollow body according to <u>claim 6</u> elaim 1, wherein the <u>impact modifier is a rubber is a functionalized polyolefin-based rubber</u>.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The hollow body according to claim 7, wherein the rubber is a functionalized polyolefin-based rubber functionalized polyolefin-based rubber is a maleic anhydride functionalized styrene-ethylene-butylene-styrene block copolymer or a maleic anhydride functionalized ethylene-propylene-diene monomer rubber.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The hollow body according to claim 5 elaim 8, wherein the impact modifier is selected from the group consisting of a maleic anhydride functionalized ethylene-propylene-diene monomer rubber, a maleic anhydride functionalized styrene-ethylene-butylene styrene block copolymer, and mixtures thereof functionalized

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polyolefin-based rubber is a maleic anhydride functionalized styrene ethylene-butylene-

styrene block copolymer.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): The hollow body according to claim 1 elaim 8,

wherein the layers are contiguous layers of the order  $[(L1)_n/(L2)_m]_x$  where x is any integer of

1 or greater, n is any integer of 1 or greater, and m is any integer the functionalized polyolefin

based rubber is a maleic anhydride functionalized ethylene propylene diene monomer rubber.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): The hollow body according to claim 1 claim 6,

wherein the layer L1 further comprises an external lubricant the impact modifier is selected

from the group consisting of a maleic anhydride functionalized ethylene-propylene-diene

monomer rubber, a maleic anhydride functionalized styrene ethylene butylene styrene block

copolymer, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): The hollow body according to claim 1, wherein the

layer L1 further comprises a heat stabilizer comprising at least one copper (I) salt and at least

one alkali metal halide said layers are contiguous layers of the order [(L1), /(L2), m], where x is

any integer of 1 or greater, n is any integer of 1 or greater, and m is any integer.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): The hollow body according to claim 1, comprising,

as sole layer(s), at least one layer L1 wherein said layer L1 further comprises an external

lubricant.

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Claim 14 (Currently Amended): The hollow body according to claim 13, comprising, as sole layer, one layer L1 wherein the external lubricant is selected from the group consisting of polytetrafluoroethylene, low density polyethylene, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): The hollow body according to <u>claim 13</u> <u>claim 1</u>, <u>comprising</u>, as sole layers, at least two L1 layers wherein said layer L1 further comprises a heat stabilizer comprising at least one copper (I) salt and at least one alkali metal halide.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): The hollow body according to <u>claim 1</u> claim 15, wherein <u>the hollow body is a hose said heat stabilizer comprises at least one copper halide</u> selected from the group consisting of copper iodide and copper bromide and at least one alkali metal halide selected from the group consisting of the iodides and bromides of lithium, sodium, and potassium.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): The hollow body according to <u>claim 16</u> elaim 1, eomprising, as sole layer(s), at least one layer L1 wherein the hose comprises all or part of a vapor return line or a liquid fuel line.

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): The hollow body according to <u>claim 1</u> elaim 17, eomprising, as sole layer, one L1 layer wherein the layer L1 further comprises an anti-oxidant.

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): The hollow body according to <u>claim 1</u> elaim 17, comprising, as sole layers, at least <u>one layer L1 and at least one layer L2</u> two L1 layers.

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Claim 20 (Currently Amended): The hollow body according to claim 1, wherein said hollow body is a hose comprising, as sole layers, one L1 layer and one L2 layer.

Claim 21 (Canceled): The hollow body according to claim 20, wherein said hose comprises all or part of a vapor return line or a liquid fuel line.

Claim 22 (Currently Amended): The fossil fuel powered automobile comprising the hose of claim 16 and an engine hollow body according to claim 1, wherein layer L1 further comprises an anti-oxidant.

Claim 23 (Currently Amended): The hollow body according to claim 1 elaim 22, wherein the at least one layer L1 comprises an aromatic polyamide obtained by the polycondensation reaction between hexamethylenediamine and a terephthalic/isophthalic/adipic acid composition wherein the mole ratio of terephthalic/isophthalic/adipic acids in the acid composition is 50 to 80/ from 10 to 40/ not more than 25,

wherein the impact modifier is selected from the group consisting of a maleic anhydride functionalized ethylene-propylene-diene monomer rubber, a maleic anhydride functionalized styrene-ethylene-butylene-styrene block copolymer, and mixtures thereof, and

wherein the hollow body is a hose said anti-oxidant is selected from the group consisting of hindered phenols, amines, and mixtures thereof.

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Claim 24 (Currently Amended): The hollow body according to claim 1, comprising,

as sole layers, three layers L1/L2/L1, wherein L1 is both the inner and the outer layer and L2

is the intermediate layer at least one layer L1 and at least one layer L2.

Claim 25 (Currently Amended): The hollow body according to claim 1, comprising,

as sole layers, one L1 layer and one L2 layer two layers of L1/L2, wherein L1 is the inner

layer.

Claim 26 (Currently Amended): The hollow body according to claim 1, which

comprises, as sole layers, two layers of L2/L1, wherein L1 is the outer layer A fossil fuel

powered device comprising the hose of claim 20.

Claim 27 (Canceled).

Claim 28 (Original): A method for making a hollow body comprising, as sole layers,

(1) at least one layer L1 comprising an aromatic polyamide and an impact modifier,

and, optionally,

(2) at least one layer L2 comprising an aliphatic polyamide,

comprising extruding an aromatic polyamide and an impact modifier, and optionally

extruding an aliphatic polyamide, through a die.

Claims 29-32 (Canceled).